



GOD'S LOVE

THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD

By Freda Elizabeth Lambert

In the splendid rays of sunshine,
In the beautiful trees that nod,
In the crystal streams, we recognize
The omnipotence of God.

E'en we may circle the universe,
Where never mortal hath trod;
In the complacent scenes we'd recognize
The omnipotence of God.

Yea, think of man, a form of clay,
Taken from earth's immaculate sod;
In the breath of life given is portrayed
The omnipotence of God.

In the voice uttering earth's existence,
Earth in rapturous beauty shod,
The stars and moon vehemently whisper
The omnipotence of God.

If daily we'll walk in His statutes,
Our futile efforts designed by His rod,
On reaching yonder's shore we'll more fully see
The omnipotence of God.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple," Psalm 27:4.

1 TIM. 3:15

July 29, 1944

NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

Dear Brother Walker: We are having the greatest revival at the Parrott church in its history. Twelve were saved, five sanctified, and one baptized with the Holy Ghost in one service. Several have been saved to date, and others are under such deep conviction that their faces are pale. There is such fear on sinners that many are crying out to God for mercy. We are truly having a great time.—G. L. Berry, pastor, Box 171, Parrott, Va.

TELEGRAM: Organized new church Sunday night in Ottawa, Kansas, with pastor and congregation and five additional ministers.—Wilma Henry, state overseer.

TELEGRAM: Tent full last night, July 9. Three Service men converted.—J. T. Roberts, National Evangelist, Little Rock, Ark.

TELEGRAM: Camp meeting and convention greatest in history. Many blessed. Mission offering \$3,200, orphanage offering \$830. All glory to Him that doeth all things well.—J. L. Goins, state overseer of Iowa.

It can happen in Arizona! Rev. Harold Thompson who has just returned from B.T.S. conducted a three weeks' revival for us here in Mesa. The Lord surely blessed in every service. There were eighteen saved, five sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and nine added to the church. Some nights our church could not accommodate the people. We praise the Lord for all of this and are expecting greater things in the State of Arizona.—Hurschel Diffie, pastor.

I thought I would write and tell you about the district convention at Wallace, Idaho, June 17-18. This was the first one for the State of Idaho, but God met with us in a mighty way, giving us waves of glory from the beginning to the end. The work is small in

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Meeting at Cleveland, Tennessee, August 19-22, opening session 7:00 P. M.

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Meeting at Cleveland, Tennessee, August 7 at 9:00 A. M.

The unfortunate Birmingham City Hall fire prevents Assembly meeting in Birmingham. On June 26 the City Hall burned and the management took over the Municipal Auditorium, consequently forcing the cancellation of previous engagements for at least sixty days. Therefore, being providentially hindered, your Committee has prayerfully and faithfully considered various propositions and unanimously decided to go to Columbus, Ohio, this year. More information next week.—J. H. Walker, Chairman of Committee.

Idaho, but God is blessing. In the convention the mission offering was \$53; orphanage offering, cash \$88 and pledges \$32. Enclosed you will find the check for \$88 and I will send the other in a few days.—Ray T. Hill, overseer of Idaho.

Work is one of the essentials of life; when we cease to work we cease to be of use to God or man.

NOTICE

The Washington, N. C., camp meeting will be held August 10-20. Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Darnell, of Gastonia, N. C., will be in charge. A cordial welcome awaits everyone.—J. F. Goins, Jr., Rt. 3, Washington, N. C.

The man who is big enough to keep little is little enough to grow big.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Shackle Snappers

By REV. J. T. ROBERTS

"And I am come down to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey," Exodus 3:8.

God called unto Moses out of the midst of a burning bush, and Moses promptly responded, "Here am I," Exod. 3:4. The presence of God makes all grounds holy grounds, and Moses was commanded to put off his shoes for nothing was to come between the man of God and holiness. Exod. 3:5. God assured Moses that He had seen the affliction of His people. He had heard their cries, and He knew their sorrows. We can be assured that God sees, God hears, and God knows; we should never forget that. God says, "I am come down to deliver" (snap the shackles of bondage), "to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey."

(I) "I AM COME DOWN TO DELIVER"

This is at least one shouting point, if your shout is working. He came down to snap the shackles of His sorrowing, sighing, crying, afflicted people, and to deliver. He came down to a stable in Bethlehem two thousand years ago to snap the shackles of sin, the world, and the devil, from the human race. And, He is still in the delivering business! saving business! sanctifying business! and also the healing business! He came down in power on the day of Pentecost to fill His people with the Holy Ghost. He will come down and fill you now if you will meet the filling conditions.

Ice in the pulpit and pew will disappear in the presence of the fire of the Holy Ghost. Coldness and indifference and lukewarmness cannot exist in the soul of a man or woman filled with the Holy Ghost. Instead of decking yourself with tinsel and dolling yourself with drugstore paint and polish, let God snap this shackle and let the Holy Ghost come in and set you ablaze with His glorious presence. Then you will become an attraction and a blessing. The tinsels and trash will be consumed, and the web which the spider of worldliness has woven around your heart. Not only are sin-



ners shackled by sin and the devil, but believers are in bondage to each other, saints are afraid to shout for fear of criticism and sneers. Oh, that God would snap this fetter and set us all free.

I know a good man, morally, who wants to get right with God and live right, who is in bondage to a sulking, silly, bossing, pecking wife. She has hindered him every time he makes a start, and if he moves as if going to the altar, she will give him a punch and then he stands like a limber twig in a March wind. This wife of his one time knew the Lord and now blames her nerves for the will and whims of her wicked ways; but it is deeper than that. Listen, Husband, Wife, if you know what God wants you to do, you had better do it regardless of who kicks your shin or punches your chin. You had better mind God. Listen to me, Husband, and hear me, Wife, your soul does not belong to your companion; it belongs to you and God. Your soul and your will is to be given to God and His Christ. Listen, Sister, that husband that wants you to sit and act like a tame rabbit, and wants you to get his consent before you can help seekers around the altar of prayer, you gave him your body but not your soul, not your will, and not your God-given Bill of Rights. You did not promise him your soul, and your soul does not belong to him. You did not promise him your eternity; you

promised only your love and service until death. Serve notice on that stack of flesh and bones sitting beside you that you intend to keep your marriage vows, but first and last and all the time to be true to God, the Church, and the Bible. Make up your mind now that heaven shall be your home. Sign your own Declaration of Independence and mind God. Serve notice on friend and foe that God has snapped the shackles and you mean to make heaven your home.

(II) "HE WILL BRING YOU UP OUT OF THAT LAND"

God proposed to separate His people from sin and the world. When a person starts with God, he starts up. God says, "I am come down to bring you up out of that land." The upward trail begins as soon as a man finds himself in God and God has snapped the shackles of sin. When you say goodbye to this world of evil, sin and wrong, and bid an everlasting farewell to its God-dishonoring customs, habits, pleasure, and pursuits, God will bring you up out. That is the way up out, however, that is not the end. If God Almighty fails to pry you loose in this world from your wicked ways, there is no hope for you. Sin and Hell are Siamese twins. You will get rid of sin, or sin will get rid of you. Don't tinker with conscience or trifle with convictions. Some people remind me of Jacob denouncing Reuben on his deathbed. "Reuben, thou art my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and excellency of power," Gen. 49:3. Why, you can see a great man in every word of this paragraph. It is suggestive of strength and success, dignity, might, and power. What words! But the next sentence shadows all hope for Reuben, "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel." V. 4. Water—seeking the way of least resistance. Unstable as water—taking the shape of its surroundings. Unstable as water—taking the shape and form anywhere it is placed. Unstable as water—poured in a straight glass, it takes the shape of the straight glass, poured in a crooked and misshaped vessel, it takes the form of the crooked. Unstable as water—uncertain, changeable, irresolute, fluctuating, wavering, floundering, oscillating, unsettled, dilly-dally, wobbly, shilly-shally—UNSTABLE AT WATER!

What an indictment to bring against a man with such a beginning! Yet some churches are water-logged with such creatures, drifters with the tide,

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Bible Distribution Increases

The British and Foreign Bible Society is reported to have distributed 2,580,000 Bibles the past year to armed forces throughout the world.

Germans Confiscate Church Bells

A report from London by wireless states that German authorities in occupied Holland have confiscated 6,500 church bells.

India Dedicates Statue of Christ

The essence of a statue of Christ can be of tremendous significance, and if anyone is entitled to a statue display, He is. Living, consecrated saints are the greatest statues. They exemplify Christ as all lived over again (Phil. 1:21). They are living epistles read and known of all men (2 Cor. 3:1-3), who are called to the "measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). India needs a living Christ to dwell among them in the lives of consecrated missionaries.

National Conference on Palestine

The National Conference on Palestine met recently at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C. It was sponsored by the Christian Council on Palestine, the American Palestine Committee, Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Federation of Labor, the United Christian Council for Democracy, the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, the Free World Association, and the Union for Democratic Action. Over two hundred delegates, for the most part clergymen and educators, came from thirty-two states to attend the meetings.

Delinquency

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, says: "I am not easily shocked or alarmed. But today, like thousands of others, I am both shocked and alarmed. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls are staggering. This country is in deadly peril. We can win this war, and still lose our freedom for all in America. For a creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation... symptomatic of a condition which threatens a new 'lost generation,' more hopelessly lost than any that has gone before." In the last year the figures

for both boy and girl delinquents have risen sharply. Someone has sent us the following reports from the same Bureau of Investigation:

CRIME INCREASE

"The FBI reports a fifty-five per cent increase in arrests of girls under twenty-one for delinquency in 1942. Boys eighteen years outstripped all others in crime in 1942. Drunkenness increased thirty per cent among boys under twenty-one last year. Boys ten years old and up are prowling our streets and committing crimes. Large cities maintain breeding places to train our youth in crime. The FBI reports 5,000,000 criminals in the making right now. Already there are 1,500,000 criminals listed in Washington. Last year our young criminals committed 1,500,000 major crimes. Last year 9,000 churches in America closed their doors.

Religious Activity Here and There

India erects a statue of Christ. Church leaders in Britain urge a proclamation of a day of prayer when Invasion begins. The Dutch Bible Society reached a peak of 205,000 copies of Scripture sales during 1943. Churches increase opposition to occupation authorities in Belgium. While German occupation authorities suspend operation of another theological university in France. The Dutch Church continues attacks against Nazism. General Chiang Kai-shek sent greetings to the Methodist Conference in which he urged a common unity of all Christians for the betterment of mankind everywhere. Lastly, the rabbis of Jewish congregations in America have issued a call to prayer for the Invasion when it is learned the invasion has been made.

German Atrocities

Tom M. Olson writing in *Light and Liberty* gives us the following story of German brutalities:

"Henry Shapiro, *United Press Staff* Writer says:

"In a dawn mist on November 6 the Red Army broke into Kiev, third city of the Soviet Union, and before the war a great and prosperous center of close to 1,000,000 people.

"Ten thousand famished, diseased, bewildered people crept out of the cellars, hardly recognizable as human beings, to greet their liberators.

"Since then, according to the estimate of Acting Mayor Leonid Leber, about 60,000 more have come back from the cellars, from nearby ravines and forests.

"All the rest are gone—murdered, dead of hunger or disease, or taken away to slavery.

"There is also at the northwestern edge of the city, the Baby Yar Ravine. I drove out there, about three miles from the center of the city, to the spot where, two years ago, between 60,000 and 100,000 civilians and 25,000 war prisoners were slaughtered.

"The Germans drove men, women, and children to the Baby Yar Ravine, two acres of waste land, and mowed them down with machine guns, and threw the bodies into sand pits.

"September 28 notices in the streets summoned all Jews, Communists, and Russian officials to report for 'evacuation.' They were told to take clothes, valuables, and provisions.

"Their belongings were confiscated, their clothes were ripped off. They were lined up at the edge of the ravine, machine-gunned and thrown to the bottom.

"Some were buried alive, mothers with their children, aged persons, the infirm. It took three days to kill them all. Sporadic executions followed until the Germans fled.

"Baby Yar is the scene of the greatest German atrocity but there are hundreds of smaller Baby Yars in towns and villages through which I have passed."

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I Am Not

By W. G. LIGHTE

Text: St. John 18:25, "And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I AM NOT."

My friends, for some reason there has been placed upon my heart an urge and desire to write a few lines in connection with the above text. I believe that God for some cause, desires this to be written. You will note I have used the latter clause of this verse as the subject; namely, I AM NOT.

These words were spoken by Peter, the fisherman from the shores of Galilee, and were an emphatic denial that he was a disciple of Christ. Looking back over the life of Peter we find that he, at one time, said he would FORSAKE ALL to follow Christ. His intentions were good and we find that he did follow, but alas, AFAR OFF.

Just a few hours prior to this time, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter had come to the assistance of our Lord and had smitten the high priest's servant and cut off his ear when that unholy and ungodly mob came out against Jesus to arrest Him, but now we find him warming himself by the fire in the palace of the high priest, Jesus standing near, and he cries so all can hear, "I am not a disciple of this man, I don't know him." The testing time had come and Peter had been found wanting. However, looking deeper into this situation, and after closely studying it from all angles, am I one that can point a finger of shame and disgrace at Peter? Peter detected to be a disciple of Christ he himself would also lose his life. Maybe someone will now come forth and say

that Peter should have stood by Jesus to the very end, even at the risk of his own life. True, very true, but, my friends, what would we have done if we had been there? Would we have come boldly to the front, among those soldiers with weapons in their hands and murderous intentions in their hearts, and said, "Here I am, I am His follower; I am proud to be a follower of His, do with me what you will"? Would we do that, or would we find ourselves in the same class with Peter, denying that we even knew Him?

At this time Peter had not been filled with the Holy Ghost, therefore, he lacked that power to enable him to stand. Do we find anywhere, after being filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, that Peter refrained from openly proclaiming to the world that he was a follower of the Lord? No, that man of God, Peter, the fisherman from the Sea of Galilee, paid in full on the cross, for his love for Jesus.

I like to think of Peter as a good example in many ways for Christians in these last days. He spoke the truth when he said, "I AM NOT HIS DISCIPLE." Down in his heart, before these words were ever uttered, he had failed and knew he was not a follower of the Lord, therefore when he was asked the question, he spoke the truth.

Many seem to be ready and willing to criticize Peter for his actions on this occasion, but who are we to criticize another? Peter's life was at stake and he fell. There are many who claim a high standard of salvation, who claim the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, who claim they are ready for the rapture, who claim that they are waiting for the gates of heaven to swing open, who, to a GREAT EXTENT, are also fallen. You may take exceptions to these remarks, but down in your heart you know it is true and God knows it is true, and unless we regain a firmer grip on God, we, too, will finally go down in defeat.

Generally speaking, the Christian world as a whole, has forgotten God. As the Church of God we should take warning.

Our life as yet is not endangered on account of our claim to discipleship of the Lord, yet we want to abuse, criticize and ridicule Peter for his denial of the Lord, when his very existence was in the balance. Not so with us; we have the wonderful privilege of serving God in any way we choose, for which we should be more than thankful; yet we serve Him with our lips and

our hearts are far from Him. Matthew states, "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and his righteousness," Matt. 6:33. God should come first in our lives. He should be the supreme rule in our everyday walk. But it seems that many shut Jesus off in a room by Himself all during the week and then on Sunday slip Him out of the room for Sunday School and church, then promptly lock Him in the room again Sunday night, this in order to keep up appearances and endeavor to deceive the world that they are His. My friends, this should not be so, and it is an evident fact that if we ever make it through to the glory world, we will have to live wholly and uncompromisingly for God. We can't hold to God with one hand and grasp firmly every worldly pleasure with the other hand, then expect to stand for God when the testing time comes. We can't live a half-way, pleasure-seeking, ungodly life down here and expect God to place His approval on us. That is one reason why some fail to have the power with God they one time enjoyed. Many have drifted from God who have lusted after things and the pleasures of this world. In 1 John 2:15, 16, the Scripture states that if we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us. If we are not going to do the things that Jesus says, if we are determined to follow our own self-will, then why not come boldly to the front and answer the question truthfully as Peter did, "I AM NOT HIS DISCIPLE"? It is a true fact that some have become so enwrapped and so entangled with the pleasures of this world that there is no way whatever in distinguishing them from the world; yet, in many instances, they will shout the loudest, pray the longest and bring reproach and disgrace upon the cause for which Jesus gave His life. Ministers, don't forget that your flock is looking to you for guidance and that you are responsible to both God and them to show them the RIGHT WAY to life eternal, and you will be held accountable for failure to warn and discourage your members against the pitfalls of worldliness.

In summing the whole matter up, are we sincerely and whole-heartedly for God, or do we intend to play with salvation and be eternally lost? Peter denied the Lord on this occasion on account of being fearful for his life. We, who dabble with the pleasures of this world, deny the Lord to fulfill our fleshly lust. Which of the two is the better?

The MORNING after the RAPTURE

By SISTER LULA FLEMING

Never in the history of time has there been such a morning as that which broke over Egypt immediately after the Israelites had gone. It is true that many things remained just as they were before they went away, but the business life of Egypt was completely disorganized.

All labor in the brick field had ceased, for all the slaves were gone. The building trade was at a standstill and the barges that carried material on the river Nile were tied up by the bank. The merchants' goods lay undisturbed on the shelves. No one cared to buy and no one wanted to sell. Ploughs stood useless in the furrows and the cattle on the commons were wandering wild with no one to care for them. The priests had fled from the temples, and the sacred beasts, worshipped as gods, were lowing in their gilded stalls.

Egypt was wrung with the greatest agony and from 20,000 cities and villages on the bank of the Nile came forth the saddest wail of woe that this world ever heard. The sun that came out of the east that morning, looked down from its golden throne in the heavens on a broken-hearted nation.

The waters of the glorious Nile had lost all their charm and were dull and unattractive. The feathery palm trees waved their branches and bowed their stately heads as though mourning on account of the terrible tragedy that had befallen the looted land.

The Pyramids, grey with age and shrouded in mysteries long forgotten, seemed sullen and terrifying on the banks of the Father of Waters, and the mighty Sphinx, a man-headed lion cut out of the living rock by hands long since returned to dust, looked forth a sad, horrible spectre

from some abysmal world to haunt the living of the already maddened multitudes while wild piercing cries, such as only could come from the torn depths of human horror, were heard on every hand.

But the strangest and what seems to be the most mysterious of all, not a single Hebrew was anywhere to be seen. The mud huts about the brick kilns and the thatch-covered cabins in Goshen were all empty, and the doors with peculiar blood stains on the post and lintels, were standing wide open. The despised and rejected ones, the filthy of the earth and the offscouring of the world, were all gone and Pharaoh's cities on the banks of the Nile were minus two million of their inhabitants. But in the early hour the sudden and unexpected departure of the Hebrews could not be seriously considered, for every Egyptian's heart was torn and bleeding by its own immediate sorrow, for in every house of the 20,000 cities and villages death had been at work. The king in his golden palace, the beggar in his hovel of mud, the statesman and princes in their royal halls and homes, the river man in his rush-covered houseboat on the Nile, the laborer behind the mill, the prisoner in the dungeon, the priest in palm-covered courts of a thousand temples, and the captains of funeral boats that carried the dead to the other side of the Nile, all without exception were broken-hearted and frantic with grief on account of the dreadful stroke that had smitten every home.

It is said that the shrieks and howls and mournful cries heard in Egypt on that memorable occasion were as if the dead had broken their bands and come forth with one universal wail,

and that mighty lamentation rolled from city to city and from village to village until the entire realm of Pharaoh was rent and torn with anguish like the sea when torn by the tempest. Rank and position were forgotten. Poor and rich, prince and peasant, people of every station and every color mingled without respect or disregard. Millions were weeping and rushing from home to home to see if others' losses had been like theirs. But all were in the same sad plight, for the first and most important person in every home had been snatched away by death.

Moses in telling the story, says there was a cry throughout all the land such as never was known the like of it, nor shall be like it any more. And this I take to be the greatest picture in all scriptures of the coming tribulation that will immediately break over our poor world when the saints are suddenly caught away.

When Noah's ark sailed away from the shores of the antediluvian world, there was great distress among those who were left behind. But that was not a clear type of the tribulation, because the world's population was drowned and there was no continued suffering. When Lot was caught away from Sodom the same thing was true as far as Sodom was concerned.

But the flight of Israel from Egypt, which so clearly typifies the rapture of the saints, left behind the greatest picture of tribulation that the Holy Ghost has ever inspired, and just as the architect by studying the blueprints can see what the building is going to be like, we by a close study of this remarkable picture can glimpse the outlines of the great tribulation in its very earliest stage.

You ask if there will be death in every home when God's people are caught away. I answer I do not know, but there will be worse than death, for from many homes the most important one will be taken alive. Every home or hovel on earth whether savage or civilized, Christian or heathen, where little children lived and played the evening before, on the morning after the rapture their places will be vacant. From every hospital and institution for the aged and the infirmed, from every factory and office of industry, from every church, school, and college, from every train and car upon the land, from ships on the sea, from every plane in the air, from every submarine under the sea, wherever there lives at that time,

blood-purified soul on the morning after the rapture they will be missing. So that there will be a great cry throughout the length and breadth of the entire world, a cry to which the wail of distress in Egypt will come no nearer than the prattle of a baby compared with the agonizing cry and dying groans of a million shipwrecked sailors.

Egypt's sorrow was confined to Egypt alone, but the wail after the rapture will be universal. The world's business, while greatly interrupted, will still go on. Trains as usual will be rushing in all directions, ships still voyaging across the seas of the world, motor traffic will crowd the highways, and planes will still be in the air, but in hundreds of cases conductors, captains, drivers, and pilots will be suddenly caught away from their stations, leaving those who depended upon their skill and ability to dash on to destruction and to death.

Dance halls, gambling dens and picture shows will have lost all their attraction for in that dark hour of sorrow and distress the queens, heroes, and sheiks of the silver screens, with all their worldly entertainments, will be nothing better than foolish and empty mockery. The broken-hearted and grief-stricken millions clinging to the wrecked and judgment-torn world will in that dreadful time of God's wrath need something more substantial. The foolish, fleeting vanities for which men and women sacrificed their lives and squandered accumulated millions, will then stand stripped of all their deceptive charms, and the poor lost world in strange and awful reality will stagger to its judgment. In thousands of cases the minister will be left behind with his disappointed congregation, but his sermon on the morning of the rapture will not be on Amos and Andy or any other light, unworthy subject. But broken-hearted, sorrowful, disappointed, and left behind, he will confess to his lost people his neglect of prayer and the blessed Word of God which was meant to prepare him and them for such a time as this.

In the great church on the corner stands a minister who did not believe in the premillennial coming of Christ, coming to rapture His saints away from the earth, and through his influence thousands were led astray; but now, the sorrow of all sorrows had come. The saints are all really gone, and they are left behind. God pity

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The Ministry Gifts of Christ

E. C. CLARK

PASTORS

Nothing has been spared by Christ the great Shepherd to provide care for His flock. In the apostles, as we have seen, He provided witness and other glorious ministries; while in the prophet He provided for divine utterance and revelation and for direct communication of God with His people, the Church. On the other hand, in the evangelist He has provided for compassionate ministry for the unsaved, that His Church might grow and prosper numerically, and that the emotions of the Church might be ever stirred to the winning of souls; herein He provided for the cross to be glorified and made a thing of victory, power, and beauty. In the pastor, however, He has provided an entirely different kind of ministry.

Under the caption of "Evangelists" we slightly mentioned the importance of the evangelists in leading sinners to Christ, for the advancement of the Church in general. However important that work; and with whatever success it may achieve, comes the task of taking care of the harvest of evangelistic effort. To provide a suitable and needed ministry to consolidate into an abiding form, and one that could comfort, encourage, advise and help in the tangles of satanic opposition, God gave to the Church pastors. While the evangelist is indispensable, the pastor is equally so. Pastors are a gift from Christ, the head of the Church, for its edification and comfort, to feed and nourish it, with the objective of perfection of the saints in view.

WORK AND QUALIFICATIONS

The word for pastor comes from the Greek word "poiman," meaning a herdsman, a shepherd, one who feeds and cares for a flock. The outstanding model of all pastors is Christ Himself. It was prophesied in Isa. 40:11 that, "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." The work of the pastor is that of gathering God's "lambs" won by evangelistic effort, carrying them in "his bosom," making their burdens his, their cares and troubles his, helping them to throw off trou-

ble and despondency. A tender, compassionate love is constantly needed by a true shepherd, to go after faltering lambs, gathering them in tenderness unto the one great Shepherd, Christ. Notice: "He shall gently lead those that are with young." Here is pictured a creation travelling in spiritual birth under the care and supervision of the pastor. Faithfulness in trying to reach every lamb and care for every one that Christ has entrusted to the pastor's care is of vital importance.

He has, in gift and ministry, provided for everyday watchcare, by giving His people someone to live among them and share their burdens and woes. Little is said of the pastor, so far as the word pastor is concerned; which is better treated from the word "shepherd," and which is mentioned in all seventeen times. The word "shepherd" has, however, been rendered glorious in that it was also used by our Lord in referring unto Himself. Matt. 9:36; 25:32; 26:31; Mark 6:34; 14:27; Luke 2:8, 15, 18, 20; John 10:2, 12. See also John 10:11, 14. "Shepherd" is also used metaphorically of the presiding officer, manager, or director, of any assembly; so of Christ the Head of the Church. John 10:16; 1 Peter 2:25; Heb. 13:20; also of the Jewish Messiah in Ezek. 34:23. The shepherd takes in part the name of the sheep, even as the sheep in turn take the character, traits, and even the nature of the shepherd. Sheep are exposed to the weather, in winter and in summer, in frost and draught, upon the treeless plains of Palestine, Gen. 31:40; to attacks by robbers and by beasts of prey, 1 Sam. 17:34; John 10:1, 10, 11, etc.

The shepherd always leads his flock; he never drives them. The story is told of a supposed shepherd who was noticed to be driving his sheep. When questioned why he was driving them, he replied, "I am the butcher, I am not the shepherd." This will be enough at this point.

It was the duty of the shepherd to lead his flock unto the pasture and water, Psa. 23; 77:20; 78:52; 80:1; and to protect them at the risk of his own life, John 10:15. To keep them from the cold, rain, and beasts, the shep-

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Text: Matt. 9:37, 38, "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

When we think of the thousands near our places of worship that have never heard the full gospel and the many who would accept if they had the opportunity, we can truly say the harvest is ripe.

When we see the fulfillment of prophecy according to the signs of the times, and that we are living in the shadow of the great tribulation, surely we can feel the need of praying for the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the harvest.

One thing that attracted the attention of the Master and caused the utterance of the above text was the condition of the multitude that was before Him. "But when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." He had just previously healed a man sick of the palsy and a woman with an issue of blood, raised a ruler's daughter from the dead, opened the eyes of two blind men, and cast the devils out of a man that was dumb, and he spake. No doubt in the multitude there were those who were sick with different diseases, the widows, orphans, some that were in poverty, and many that were disappointed in life. Jesus understood and knew their condition, and as He saw the mass of suffering humanity His great, loving heart was moved with compassion. Not only did

Why Stand Ye Idle?

By E. W. Williams

He sympathize with them, but He was "moved with compassion." He was ready to bring relief and minister to their needs.

We notice that in the ministry of Jesus He went about doing good. His ministry was not composed of preaching only, but He was ready to heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, unstop the deaf ears, raise the dead and feed the hungry, and while doing this He was also ready to break to them the bread of life. We would not discredit His preaching. I would have been glad to hear the message that fell from His lips in that memorable "sermon on the mount"! Yes, I would have been glad to hear the last great commission given to the apostles as recorded in the last chapter of Matthew. Although we were not there, yet it seems that I can hear His sacred voice echoing through the ages, speaking to His Church, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Gospel means good news and implies salvation for the soul and healing for the sick.

His compassion for the suffering was so great that He was moved into action. He said, "I must work the work of him that sent me." He was ready to work. Sometimes He was preaching to the multitudes, and again we see Him preaching to the woman at the well, the congregation composed of one, and listen to his message, "If you would ask of me I would give you water that you would never thirst again." He knew that her soul was longing for something that the world had failed to satisfy. If we have the Christ enthroned in our lives today, He still carries with Him that same desire to bless lost and suffering humanity, and you will have a burden for the lost and a desire to see souls saved.

You will feel that "go ye" and "I must work" burning in your soul. If you fail to have that passion for the lost, Jesus is not reigning supremely in your life.

Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." There is a demand in the Lord's harvest field for laborers. There are many who would be glad to accept a posi-

tion but not many willing to labor. Jesus realized that the harvest was plenteous, but it would take some laboring to gather it. To have a soul-stirring revival, build a new church, add Sunday School rooms to your building, have a successful Sunday School or Y.P.E., or promote the interest of the church otherwise, somebody will have to labor, which means toll or exertion, physical or mental effort, difficulty, etc. For this cause many today are not having success in their Christian work. They are not willing to go through the physical or mental strain or put forth the special effort it takes to promote the cause of Christ. But, thank God, while that is true, there are a faithful few who are working. The new churches, pastoriums, Sunday School rooms, soul-saving revivals speak of the fervent zeal some have, and most of the churches have a 100 per cent report on all departments of the church. These stand out as monuments to their work, and when the great rewarding time comes they will not come in empty-handed but they can come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

The antonym of labor is idleness. If you are God-called and God-sent, how can you afford to be idle when the harvest is so plenteous? Do not pray that the Lord will show you the little things to do, but be willing to do whatsoever He bids you. If you are willing to work, He will give you plenty to do. If you do not get a church to pastor, the evangelistic field is wide open and with many calls. You furnish the grit and courage and God will furnish the grace and will take care of you. If you are not called into the ministry, you can work in your local church, be a prayer warrior, booster for your pastor, boost your church services, and take part in the different auxiliaries of the church. There is no excuse in being idle. Think of the hundreds just in a few blocks of your church who have never attended your services. Get in personal touch with them. Use a little tact. Many of them can be attracted to your Sunday School or church services. If the Lord is not using you, and you are

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Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

Greetings From the Ripened Harvest Fields of Cuba!

It is two weeks today since we made our final arrangements and left the good people of Abingdon, Virginia, and started on our way to Cuba. We had a very pleasant trip through Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida, arriving at Miami on Saturday evening a week ago. We realized that we were facing many new and interesting experiences, but with the wise and kind counsel of Sister Case, arrangements were soon completed at Miami, and we were to take the plane for Havana.

Sister Mildred Case and Sylvia Sue took a plane a few hours ahead of ours, and when we arrived at Havana, we were cordially greeted at the airport by Brother and Sister Case and Sylvia Sue. It was only a matter of time, and we were on our way to the beautiful city of Havana.

We came into Santiago de Cuba this past Saturday evening about 10:00 o'clock by train from Havana, which took about twenty-four hours of travel—some 600 miles.

What is it they say about *first impressions*? Anyway, I believe that I can truthfully say that our impressions of Cuba are good indeed! The people are so friendly, and the prospects so good and the opportunities so vast. The Cases are doing a great work here. Yesterday (Sunday) was a full day. It began with Sunday School here at Corona 808, and say! there were 107 in attendance, and there were 93 at Santa Barbara in the afternoon. Following this was the regular weekly broadcast which holds for an hour over a local station. This was very interesting to all of us. Our two girls, Evangeline and Myrtle, sang (in English) two numbers which seemed to go over good. I testified in English and it was interpreted by the interpreter. This broadcast will be a means to accomplish much for The Church of God.

Last night (Sunday) I had my first experience of preaching through an interpreter. You can guess that I was somewhat nervous. It won't be so hard

from now on. However, I am anxious to get down to language study, and trust that before too many months I will be able to speak in Spanish.

The church building at Santa Barbara is coming along rapidly, and will soon be finished, we hope. It will boost the work here one hundred per cent. As you know, Santa Barbara is just a section of the city of Santiago de Cuba. We trust that we will soon be able to settle down to "housekeeping" here, and get accustomed to the work and people, as the need is so great and more than four million people on this island are waiting for the gospel light. After getting accustomed to things a bit, and some of the language, we expect to go to another town and open up work there.

Please remember us all here in Cuba. We are here in His name and for His glory and the salvation of souls. Pray for us. God bless you. —Dewey Herron, E. Palma 941, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.

Orphanage in Haiti

Dear Brother in Christ:

I was reading your report of the work in Haiti, and I promised the Lord when I got my check (aged pension help) that I would send you \$1 for the Orphanage. Then on Friday night while I was at Y.P.E. my pastor and wife came in and handed my mail to me. There was a notice from the Welfare Board that I was going to get a raise in my check, and I said, "Dear Lord, I will send Brother Cross \$2 now, one as a 'thanks' offering for this raise." Enclosed is \$2 for the orphans' home in Haiti. — Your sister in the Lord. (Name withheld by request.)

We highly appreciate the interest this aged sister has taken in our orphanage in Haiti.—Mission Secretary.

OUR TRIP TO CALICUT

Though there are difficulties about traveling now, Brother Cook and I felt to go to Calicut to attend the Christmas treat for the Sunday Schools and also for special meetings there. Calicut is two hundred and fifty miles from headquarters, and we left early

the morning of the 23rd of December, arriving there about 10:30 p. m. We went first by car for seventy miles to the railway station, and from there by train, having to change trains at one junction. We returned on the 27th of December.

We have had a Sunday School in connection with the church in Calicut for some time, and three months before Christmas a new Sunday School was started in the home of new converts, a copper merchant and his wife, about a mile from our hall where we hold meetings. On Christmas day, in the afternoon, this brother came for us with a pony cart, such as one can hire there, and took us to his house for the treat.

They had spared no pains in making elaborate preparations for the event. A sort of brush arbor had been erected and this was decorated with a kind of grass and red flowers. We were shown to chairs by a table on which were two bouquets of flowers, and programs were given out. I was to "preside" over the function and give out the presents. Brother Cook was one of those who gave speeches. There are forty-five children on the roll, all of whom are from Hindu homes except three who come from Christian homes. I wish you could have heard the children sing songs and recite verses of Scripture.

Subscriptions had been taken to get presents for the children, and the merchant had donated liberally. How happy the children were as they came forward to get a basket containing small bananas, an orange, a kind of fried green banana, a small present such as a slate, some kind of a dish, soap, or a piece of cloth.

The parents are interested in their children coming to Sunday School and we learned later that the Hindus themselves had helped to put up the arbor.

We hold our meetings in a hall that holds only about one hundred people, so for the special meetings we held nights there a school was rented. We had the morning meeting on Sunday

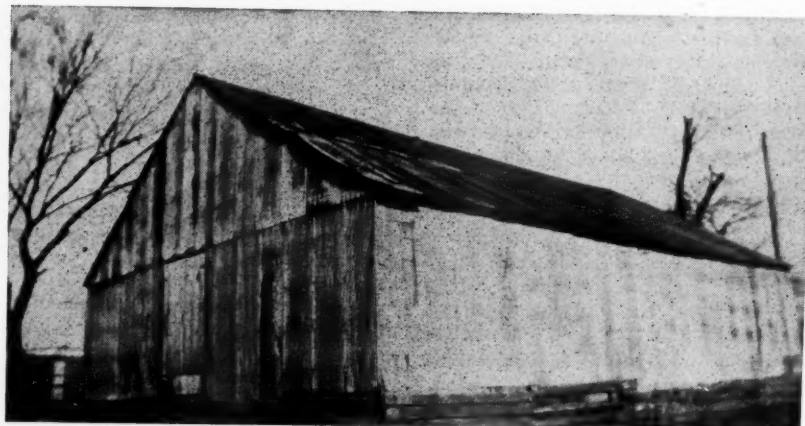
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BEAUTIFUL CHURCH BUILT AT SPARTA, TENNESSEE

Standing in front of this lovely 30x50 church building with full Sunday School room basement is Brother and Sister Ted Moore and a part of their family. In the background is the parsonage and the lower picture is the warehouse that the membership was worshipping in when Brother Moore took over the pastorate.

In the fall of 1939 in a tent there was a revival and a church set in order with ten members. Brother Huddleston set the church in order with Brother Cook as pastor. Next they worshipped at the Cope home and then at Brother Charlie Anderson's, from there to the warehouse with Brother Bennett as pastor. That was in 1940 and in 1941 Betram Sloan was

pastor. In the fall of 1941 the Lord sent Brother Moore to Sparta to hold a revival. While in the revival, the Lord impressed him to build a house for worship. Of course, the problem of finance arose since there were only twenty-eight members, but the Lord's promises were sufficiently encouraging for us to carry on for Him and when the time came for Him to work, He did just what He said He would do. One time we needed just fifty cents worth of material. We went to town and while waiting for a car to cross the street, a man came up with fifty cents in his hand. He said he didn't know what it was for, but I told him it was for the Lord, so we went on to the hardware store to get the material.



Many things have taken place that we wouldn't have space to relate. Since the Assembly, we have built a parsonage that the church is proud of. The buildings are worth about \$8,000. We now have fifty-three members. We have the parsonage paid for except \$200 and we owe only \$1,000 on the church. We raised over \$2,800 last year. The church is so full on Sunday night that we can't seat the people. Something else must be done soon. We will have to enlarge our borders. The honor and glory be to Him that giveth the victory.—Ted Moore, pastor.

State Overseer's Note: Brother Moore and his two sons did most of the construction work on the buildings. Sister Moore has also stayed busy carrying her part of the work along. The members and friends have given liberally or this report could not be given. Brother Moore is a blessed man of prayer, faith and works.—J. D. Bright.

TESTIMONIES

Have Victory in My Soul

PAINT LICK, Ky.—I praise God for victory in my soul. I feel like traveling on; there is nothing in this world to turn back to. I desire the prayers of the saints for my family, that they will be saved before it is too late, and pray for my two grandsons in the Service.—Sarah Bell Lear, Harmon Lick church.

'Tis Sweet To Trust Jesus

BAXLEY, Ga.—I thank God for His healing power. About February 12, 1943, my husband ran over our little eighteen-month-old baby and the doctor looked at her and said her little leg was broken. She was very serious and you could not raise her to give her a drink of water without her just screaming. We trusted God with her. We prayed until victory came and she was healed in twenty-four hours after it was done. Isn't it sweet to trust Him? Praise God. He can heal all manner of disease.

Pray for me to get closer to the Lord. I want to live for Him and do His will while I live here.—Mrs. Lee Walton.

Wonderful Healing

SHEFFIELD, Ala.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. All my children were sick; the baby and old—
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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My son in the Service; God to undertake for my husband and family some way.—Mrs. Deloro Turner, Rt. 1, Box 237C, Middlesboro, Ky.

The Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. J. P. Norwood, Rt. 1, Box 144, Shaw, Miss.

The healing of my baby, she has been sick a long time; my husband in the Navy that God will heal his head; me to be healed, I have been sickly all my life.—Mrs. Dorothy Bishop, Rt. 2, Temple, Ga.

The healing of my body, I am so weak; my little girl's body to be healed.—Mrs. Ada Strickland, Rt. 1, Dunn, N. C.

My two sons in the Armed Forces—one in France and one in New Guinea; me.—Mrs. J. L. Shuping, Sunray, Tex.

The healing of my sick body.—Mrs. Dollie Wilson, Rt. 2, Rocky Ford, Ga.

My mother who has high blood pressure, a fissure, completely wrecked nerves, head trouble and other afflictions, to be healed, she has been suffering many years and at times is very sick; me to be healed of nerve trouble and other afflictions.—Miss Martha Leicht, Loyalton, S. Dak.

The healing of Pvt. Kenneth M. Cook who has been seriously ill since June 16 in the North African Area, the case being diagnosed as Enlacarditis Acute Bacterial.—Earl A. Renicker, pastor, Midvale, Ohio.

The healing of my body, I have T. B. in the left lung, but I know God is able.—Clinton Hager, Kessler, W. Va.

The healing of my sister; the healing of my children; my husband and me.—Mrs. Roscoe Lott, Rt. 3, Fitzgerald, Ga.

The Lord to heal my limb of white swelling, it gives me lots of trouble.—Sister Argie Robinson, Rt. 1, Lancaster, S. C.

Me to be completely healed of epileptic spells as I desire to attend Bible Training School.—Miss Bela Fordham, 10512 N. Force, Apt. 7214, Vanport City, Portland 17, Ore.

My brother in the Navy; God to undertake for me.—Myrtle Jordan, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Ala.

The Lord to undertake for me.—Miss Dair Crawford, 1403 S. Main St., Anderson, S. C.

The Lord to completely heal me of sinus trouble; my daughter to be healed of head trouble; my brother-in-law to be healed.—Mrs. Leode Williford, Rt. 4, Dandridge, Tenn.

The healing of my head, it worries me all the time.—Mrs. Royce Cook, Rt. 2, Fair Mount, Ga.

The Lord to heal my back, I am down and not able to do anything; my husband to be healed.—Mrs. Geo. Pad-dicks.

My granddaughter, Betty Burgett, Holden, W. Va., to be healed.—Her grandmother, Naugatuck, W. Va.

The healing of my body; my mother who has rheumatism.—Mrs. W. B. Misnga, Grace, Miss.

The healing of my husband who is sick and very nervous.—Callie Sparks, Cumberland, Ky.

God to undertake for two special unspoken requests.—Connie Evans, 3225 Virginia St., Coconut Grove 33, Fla.

The Lord to heal my nose; the healing of my body, I am run down and very nervous.—Mrs. E. C. Plotner, 423 E. Fifth St., Uhrichsville, Ohio.

My two sons overseas, one somewhere in England, and the other somewhere in Alaska.—Alfred Minus, 1121 10th St., West Palm Beach, Fla.

The saving and healing of my sister who has an ulcer on her ankle and a terrible one on her leg; me to be healed of stomach trouble and other ailments.—Minter Goff, Leaf, Miss.

The healing of my wife's body; my family.—Pvt. Frank Massingale, Co. C, 178 Engr., C Bn., Camp Maxey, Texas.

My son and nephew in Service; me.—Mrs. H. Reynolds, Warren, Ark.

The healing of my eyes; my sister.—Mrs. George Webb.

Me to be healed of stomach and bladder trouble; my wife to be healed of neuritis and kidney trouble.—Dick Lewis, Brockdell, Tenn.

My little boy to be healed of a breaking out; my husband in Service.—Mrs. Alvin Walker, Rt. 1, Brasstown, N. C.

The healing of Mrs. Lizzie Lamar, Barwick, Ga., of asthma; the healing of my sister.—Mrs. Vera Morris, Rt. 1, Boston, Ga.

The healing of my back.—Miss Virginia Hollon, Harry Anna Hospital, Umatilla, Fla.

The healing of my sick sister's body, Mrs. Ethel Densmore, Box 871, Erick, Okla., she needs encouragement; my boys in Service; me to be healed of a skin cancer on my forehead over my right eye; also that I will be healed of a broken-down arch.—Mrs. Eula Ponder, 311 S. 8th St., Edinburg, Tex.

OBITUARIES

VERMILLION

Brother J. E. Vermillion was born May 1884, and departed this life June 17, 1944. He gave his heart to the Lord a few months before his death.—Pastor of Matewan, W. Va., Church of God, P. W. Hermon.

SMITH

Mrs. Virginia Irene Smith, a devout and faithful Christian and member of the Church of God for almost thirty-two years, departed this life to be with Jesus March 22, 1944; age seventy-seven years.—S. E. Jennings, pastor, Huntington, W. Va.

BRADY

Sister Emma Jean Brady a faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life June 6, 1944; age forty-two years.—Mrs. W. F. Hudson, Hudson, Fla.

KATTO

Little Charles Edward Katto went to be with Jesus May 14, 1944; age eight months.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Katto, Ocilla, Ga.

LEWIS

Brother E. E. Lewis, one of the faithful members of the Church of God at Biltmore, N. C., departed this life to be with Jesus May 13, 1944. His Christian influence was inestimable.—Gertrude Briggs, clerk, Biltmore, N. C.

Reports from the Field

Yanks Send Greetings To the Montana State Convention

Dear Brother Thompson and many Friends, I appreciate the fact that even though the world is filled with war and bloodshed, in America you are allowed to gather at another state convention. In view of the fact that this privilege has been denied in other countries, it is somewhat easier to serve our Armed Forces. As long as our great nation grants you that right and defends you in it, it is worth every hardship we have to go through and every sacrifice we are called upon to make.

I felt unworthy of your comment about me in the "Promoter." I considered it a compliment, and let me add, you will not miss me any more than I will miss being with you.

May God grant you the greatest spiritual feast ever known in Montana's history.

Yours in the service of your country and our King,

Charles.

Cpl. Charles A. Washek,
c/o Postmaster, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as you are gathered together at another assembly, my thoughts and prayers are with you. How I would love to be there and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with you. I get so hungry for some good old holiness services again.

As you are enjoying the blessings of the Lord, think of us over here who are less fortunate and are sacrificing and suffering in order to win the peace and freedom of our country, to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience. Remember we need your prayers that the Lord will help us win the victory soon and stop this war so we can come back home. I am glad I can help do my little part to help win the freedom we cherish so much, which makes it possible for us to meet together at conventions and enjoy the blessings of God. I am only doing my part to defeat the enemy of our country. Let us work together in unity and love to defeat the enemy of our souls. It takes working together and each one doing his part to win a battle. If each one will do his part we can do much in winning souls for Christ.

May the Lord bless in the convention abundantly and give each one a renewed determination of going through with Him.

Don't forget to pray for me, as I need it much to overcome every trial and test.

Love,
Chris.

Cpl. Chris Vik, 39611875
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Have a Song in My Heart at the Bugle Sound

Dear Christians, I have received every issue of the Evangel for the past six months and I have enjoyed the inspiration it has given me thus far, and I expect to have it sent to my new address.

I have also been receiving the Lighted Pathway and Voice. I love all of them. My mother-in-law signed them up for me.

I praise the Lord for His precious keeping power. I have found Him ready to share every care. I have been in the Army fourteen months now and I pray every night beside my bed, finding a song in my heart in awaking as the bugle sounds at 5:30 a. m., six days a week.

Well, I have found a friend in Jesus and the days are not sad when He is at your side. I trust all are praying for the boys in Service.

I am a member of the Church of God in Mansfield, Ohio. We have a fine little church there. Rev. Grossman has worked very diligently to build a church and has a wonderful group of people telling the story that never grows old.

Pray for the boys of Ft. Jackson, S. C. May God bless you and your Christian literature.—Pvt. Wm. H. Frazier, A. S. N. 35138289, Bty. A-556th AAA Av. Bn., Fort Jackson S. C.

Happy in Telling the Old, Old Story

MARIETTA, S. C.—I praise our Lord and Master and magnify His name for sending His Holy Spirit to talk with me one day while I was working in the spinning room. How glad I am that I surrendered to Him when I was a young man in my teens. I can now look over my life and see the many pitfalls from which it has saved me.

Since early in childhood I have felt the call into the ministry and I am glad that I haven't been disobedient to the heavenly vision. The theme of my life since conversion has been to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. As the old hymn says, "It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do."

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to my many friends for their nice compliments on my articles in the Evangel from time to time. It is my plan to write to our official organ as often as I deem best. I wish to state that I can understand it when there isn't space for my articles.

In closing let me say to all who read this testimony, that my slate is open for evangelistic calls anywhere my service is desired. I will furnish reference upon request.—James O. Campbell.

The Lord Is Blessing Us

Our district fellowship meeting was held here at the Punta Gorda, Fla., Church of God May 1, 1944. The church was full. Brother Smith brought the message, which was enjoyed by all. The Lord is blessing us here. Our mission offering was \$107.41, the highest on the district. Pray for us.—Dewey DeLaney, pastor, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Had a Wonderful Home-coming

SYLVA, N. C.—I praise God for what He has done for us here. For some time our church has been struggling to get on top. We have not reached the top yet, but feel that the church is gaining ground.

We had a wonderful home-coming Sunday, May 7; the Lord blessed in a great way. We had visiting ministers from two districts. At the morning service Brother Victor Gassoway, the former pastor, brought a good message. We had a nice dinner served picnic style. The evening service was taken up in short talks by different ministers and special singing. We raised a nice mission offering.—G. E. Poplin, pastor.

Succeeding Wonderfully

ROSWELL, N. Mex.—I praise the Lord for what He is doing here in Roswell. We came here a year ago last October. We had only a small basement to worship in and had a very small attendance in church. Now we have a beautiful rock church to worship in with hardwood floors, a pas-

tor's study and the footing run to build a new parsonage with most all the critical material already bought and stored, waiting until we need it. The parsonage will be 28 x 34, five rooms and bath, hardwood floors throughout. We had ninety-three in Sunday School last Sunday week.

We have just closed a successful revival with Brother C. G. Crutcher, of O'Donnell, Texas, doing the preaching. Eleven were saved, eight sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church and four seeking the Lord most every service.

We also took a Spanish brother and his church into the church April 16 with fourteen members. They had their church house bought and paid for. This brother came out of another Pentecostal church. Brother Crutcher preached for the Spanish church on Monday. We surely had a good service. Brother Crutcher is a successful evangelist. Anyone wanting an evangelist will do well to secure his services.

We have a good state overseer who isn't afraid of work. He has helped on the church house and has been as good a worker as overseer. He is always ready to take care of the business any time it is necessary. He has been a great help here in the home church preaching for us on several occasions, also helping with our radio program. Pray for us, that we will be able to stay on the air. We have been able to meet our obligations so far and I believe the Lord will provide it for us to continue.—O. Gregory, pastor, 708 W. Hendricks St.

Appropriate Y. P. E. Program

PIKEVILLE, Tenn.—For sometime I have been thinking of writing something about our Y. P. E. I realize I will never have words to do the young people justice for their splendid programs, but will try to say something about last Sunday night.

While our boys are away fighting for one common cause—Christian liberty—the Y. P. E. thought it would be nice to put on a patriotic program in honor of all in the Armed Forces of our country, especially the ones from our church and Sunday School, which is twenty-one blue and three gold stars. I wish I could express the deep feelings as the young people began this wonderful program, but I will not ask for too much space.

Back of the stage was lined with midnight blue paper, lower half was dotted with small crosses to represent markers of soldiers' graves. From the

center arose as it were a mist, large crosses in the form of a V. Then in honor of our gold stars a large purple heart was in the center of the stage. Bobby Amis spoke on "The Purple Heart and Its Origin." Then Edna Romans, dressed as a Red Cross nurse, gave a talk on the "History of the Red Cross and Its Help in This Great Conflict." Mrs. Ellen Hurd, a young convert, sang beautifully "I Am Praying for the Day Peace Will Come." Mrs. Clara Bayless and her sister, Mrs. Thelma Payne, sang "Sleeping in a Lonely Soldier's Grave." A small cross was placed on the stage with a helmet, gun and belt. Mrs. Sam Romans and daughter, Edith, sang, "Blood on the Sand of Tunisia," and I don't think there were many dry eyes in the house at this scene. At the last of their program, two little boys, one a sailor and one a soldier, and the Statue of Liberty were all arranged on the stage while Sister Bennett played the "Star-Spangled Banner," and the whole congregation stood and a large flag rolled down behind them.

After the program Brother Bennett took an offering for the benefit of boys in the Armed Forces, which I think amounted to \$15, and names were taken so the boys will be getting the Evangel. Our pastor is a fine man, a good preacher and has proved a blessing to us. Pray for us at Pikeville, that we will move forward and be a blessing to many souls.—Sam Romans, Box 114.

REVIVALS

OCILLA, Ga.—The Lord is blessing us in Ocilla. We have the loveliest little church in the State. We are over the top with all our state budget and having a good time in the Lord.

We have just closed a wonderful revival (reported December, 1943) with Sister Bessie Collins doing the preaching. Six were saved, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and eight to be baptized in water. The church was greatly revived. Everyone who attended these services was greatly encouraged to do more for the Lord. We are in great need of a church here. Pray that the Lord will open the way for us to have one soon.—Freemon S. Smith, pastor, Rt. 2, Box 24.

GASTONIA, N. C.—One of the greatest revivals that the South Gastonia, N. C., church has ever known

has just closed. (Reported in February.) Thirty-four were saved, twelve sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. The presence of the Lord was with us in every service and the last night of the meeting the altar was full of seekers. The attendance was very good and at times the church was filled to its capacity. The Dunn Trio and Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Day were the workers. These young people did some of the best singing and preaching we have ever heard. We recommend them to any church that would be able to secure them. We thank God for this wonderful revival.—W. M. Stallings, pastor.

E. RICHMOND, Va.—We are proud to report our revival, which ran for three weeks, ending March 19. Sister Della R. Patrick acted as evangelist, with Brother Willie Lyle, pastor, officiating. Quite a few were definitely healed, eight saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church.—C. W. Fletcher.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—On January 5 we began a revival at the Jacksonville, Fla., Church of God, with Brother Colon Dunn, of Alabama. God met with us on the first night and blessed in every service for four and a half weeks. Brother Dunn is a good evangelist and the Lord is surely blessing his efforts. This was the greatest revival I have had in my fourteen years and four months of pastoral work. I saw more people under conviction and weeping their way to Christ than in any past revival. The altar would fill most every night with hungry seekers, and there were seventy-eight saved, thirty-two sanctified, thirty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-seven added to the church. This makes a total since the Assembly, of ninety-two saved, thirty-eight sanctified, thirty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-nine added to the church. We are surely enjoying our new work here. We found a fine band of sincere members. To say that God is blessing us in a great way is only speaking of it in mild terms. We are happy to say that our church here has increased in every department spiritually, attendance, and financially. May the dear Lord help us to work hard and win many more souls for Him and His cause this year.—L. R. Alderman, pastor.

THE MINISTRY GIFTS OF CHRIST

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herd gathered them into caves (1 Sam. 24:3) or enclosures built of rough stones (Num. 32:16; Judges 5:16; Zeph. 2:6; John 10:1).

The sheep know the shepherd and heed his voice, John 10:4. They know not the voice of strangers, John 10:5. Sometimes the sheep are called by names, John 10:3. The shepherd often carries the smaller lambs in his bosom, or under his arm, or in the folds of his cloak, Isa. 40:11. Sheep are mentioned about five hundred times in the Scriptures. The people of God are His sheep, Psa. 95:7; 100:3; John 21:15-17; the pastors or shepherds are mentioned in Jeremiah, 23d chapter, also Eph. 4:11. Our Lord's charge to Peter is found in John 21:15-17, and the shepherd's reward is mentioned in 1 Peter 5:4.

In the shepherd or pastor God has provided, or at least wishes to provide, a sympathetic and compassionate heart to lead and care for His people. Pastors should be kind and gentle. It requires love and patience to develop the new converts into well-balanced Christians and into sainthood. The pastor shines most when he visits the poor and the less fortunate, and makes them to feel they are loved and respected.

AN UNDERSHEPHERD

The pastor takes Christ's place as a shepherd, and successful pastors are those who, like Christ, enter into a ministry of substitution; though not being able to actually bear their members' sins in their body like Christ, they can patiently and lovingly pray for them and thus bear their sins to God in prayer while He, there at the throne of mercy and grace, asks forgiveness for them. First, do all you can to save those who have turned away from Christ. They can be turned out of the church when nothing else can be done and when all else has failed. A good lesson will be found in Luke 13:8; this metaphorically represented backslidden Israel. While "poimania," which means to feed, to tend a flock, keep sheep (1 Peter 5:2; Luke 17:7; 1 Cor. 9:7; also to rule, govern, etc. Matt. 2:6; Rev. 2:7; 12:5; 19:15), it follows that the work of the shepherd is best represented in Christlikeness in ruling by carrying the lambs, or younger members, in his bosom close to his heart lest they slip away from Christ. Those who are reckoned as crippled, spiritually, should be put on the shoulder and literally, by

prayer and love, carried back to the fold of Christ.

I trust you will not think I sacrifice principle when I appeal unto you, my fellow ministers, to be patient and kind. Remember, it was the one that was lost that the shepherd went after, even Christ the chief Shepherd, Matt. 18:11, 12. The pastor is most beautifully and emphatically like Christ when he is seeking his sheep that is given to wandering. Who of us will want to give account unto God for negligence in caring for our flocks? and most assuredly we will have to give account unless we care for them diligently, patiently, and with love.

WHY STAND YE IDLE?

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not making much success, remember the Lord's demand is for laborers. If we will work, God will work with us and He will put His approval on our service.

Before you can work successfully as you should, you must have the right motive. Do not work for worldly honor, financial gain, or for some selfish purpose, but for the salvation of the lost, and to do this you must have a passion for souls.

If we can double our number of workers this year, we will see the Church grow by leaps and bounds. Let us rally our forces for the Church and pray that God will continue to bless. He has given some great revivals throughout the state. Just give vent to that holy fire and zeal that wants to burn in your soul. Give God a chance and watch the Church grow. Oh Glory! Don't you feel a touch of it now?

OUR TRIP TO CALICUT

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in our hall. On the 26th I went alone, in a rickshaw hired for me, to the school used for the special meetings, to "preside" over the function of the main Sunday School in Calicut. A similar program to the one the day before was carried out, only here in addition to the fruit, etc., a number of children were given a piece of cloth from which some article of clothing could be made up.

While there Brother Cook and I stayed in one of the small rooms which are on either end of the hall. We have been hoping for some time to buy some property for a church in Calicut, and while there, we purchased a site which seemed to be the

only available one in Calicut. It is in a central place among Hindus and some nominal Christians. Now the next thing is the building. For the advancement of the work we feel we must have a church building, which will open the door wider for the Church of God in Calicut. We feel the urgency of building because of the shortness of the time we have to labor for the Lord. It is a field ripe for harvest.

We now have thirty-one members of the Church there and have four Sunday Schools, two new ones having recently being opened up in other parts near there. There is good scope for starting more Sunday Schools in the many, many villages in Malabar district where there are not even nominal Christians. Beloved co-laborers, will you not pray much for this needy field? Let us seize the opportunities now while the doors are open to us here.—Bertha N. Cook.

THE MORNING AFTER THE RAPTURE

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the teacher or preacher or church organization that is silent on the pre-millennial coming of Jesus.

With every passing minute, distress and disappointment become more and more intense. Someone comes rushing from the city church yard with the strangest story ever heard—hundreds of tombstones have fallen down and the graves are open and empty; John Bunyan, Susannah Westley, Isaac Watts, and many more have gone from Bunhill Field in London; Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Leah have gone from the caves of Mechpelah and their tombs are all wide open; and in ten thousand places where martyrs were burned, where Christian heroes fell, and saints were laid to rest, the ground is ripped like new-ploughed fields. From the deepest and darkest cave and from the ocean, from the ashes of Smithfield and the catacombs of Rome, from burning sands under tropical skies, and from the snows of the frozen North, from every place where saints were laid away, their bodies changed and fashioned like the resurrected body of Jesus, they have come forth and gone up to meet Him in the air. Gone where? Where the body is, said Jesus, there will the eagles be gathered together.

But when that great time comes the world will not believe the sudden disappearing of so many to be the work

of the Lord, and just as soon as it has recovered sufficiently some scientific explanation will be offered and by every imaginable means plans will be set on foot to bring the missing ones back, just as Pharaoh and his army went out to bring back the Israelites, just as the fifty men went out to search for the prophet Elijah.

"Therefore, be ye also ready, for in such an hour as we think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44; John 3:16; 1 John 1:9.

SHACKLE SNAPPERS

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floaters with the current, cringing cowards—afraid to say, "No," to the world, the flesh and the devil. Let God snap this shackle and bring you up out of this condition. Clinch your fists and grit your teeth, set your face and take a stand for Christ, holiness, and His Church. You may say that I am somewhat of a radical preacher, but when God comes down, He comes down to do a radical work. Timothy was instructed to reprove, rebuke, and exhort. 2 Tim. 4:2. Perhaps we would have less open, brazen-face sin, I am made profoundly to believe, if there were a stern protest and loving rebuke. When old Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go," Exod. 5:2, God accepted this challenge and the war was on. Turn to your Bible and read it, for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God.

(III) "I AM COME DOWN TO BRING YOU INTO A GOOD LAND AND A LARGE"

I wish that time would allow me to elaborate here on good and large, Egypt's shackles snapped from us, and in Canaan's land, holiness of heart-life. God not only proposes to come down and deliver and bring us up out of, but into a good land. God not only proposes to make us new creatures, but to fill those new creatures with new things. Get the abiding blessing, and it will snap the shackles of wobble out of you. Bible religion is a happy religion. Salvation brings gladness. Long-faced religion is the devil's religion. Jesus Christ can bring abiding satisfaction and bring you out of into.

How happy I am as I look into the future to a day which is yet to dawn—God's day, Christ's coming with all of His glorified saints. He is coming to clean up the earth, destroy the

wicked, scour and clean up the scum of iniquity, and reign a thousand years. Hallelujah! He will snap the shackles when He comes again, and solve the juvenile delinquency problem. We have one today that can bring us out of chaos and ruin. God wants to meet us at His altar. He says, "Come now and let us reason together." We have a reasonable God who will reason with our conditions.

Wonderful Healing

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est boy were very sick. I and one of the new saints fasted and prayed. We prayed until the Lord heard our cry. Again our baby was sick. The doctor said his fever was one hundred three. I called on God and He touched his little body. Please pray for my family and me, also for the saving of souls at this place. Only three of us here are holding up the banner for the Church of God. There is neither a white nor colored mission here.—Bro. Clarence Denson, 315 16th St., W.

The Lord Understands

TAPLIN, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for His keeping power and His saving grace. I am a member of the Church of God at Mallory, W. Va., have been a member for sixteen years, and am so glad; it just suits me. I find the Lord so good. I lost one of my precious boys, he was killed, and, oh, how good the Lord has been to me, it was so hard to bear, no one knows but God. He understands all of our heart-aches. One good sister has stood by me, Sister Bailey. I am glad I am saved and have the Holy Ghost. It is so sweet to me. I am glad I know of the Bible. My whole family pays tithes. Husband and I are the only saved in our family; I have two sons in the Army. Please pray for them.

We have a good church at Mallory, a wonderful preacher and his family. Pray that I will stand true to God.—Sister Pearl Damron.

According to Our Faith

WIMAUMA, Fla.—Greetings in the love of Jesus, my blessed Lord, Savior and Healer. God in His mercy and love has healed me. I have suffered since I was seven years old with sick headache. Sometimes it would last for three days and nights; many times I would be almost frantic and could not bear the light or the air, but God has

healed me of them. I do not have those old terrible headaches any more. My mother died with cancer about three years ago and I had begun to see signs of the same thing in my body. I grew worse but I kept praying and being prayed for at church service, also would write to friends and sisters in the Lord and to my son and his wife and my daughter, for prayer, and God has so wonderfully touched my body till I feel I am healed. I am holding on and believing that God will keep me completely healed for He doesn't start to do something for His children and leave it half done. I just believe there will not be one trace of the trouble.—Mrs. A. L. Douglas.

Revival

MARION, S. C.—We praise the dear Lord for the wonderful things He is doing for us at Marion. We have just closed a four-week revival conducted by Sister Sarah Calson, who certainly preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Nineteen were saved, ten sanctified, twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. There were several wonderful healings—Docia Abbott, clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Relatives and friends of Service men at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, are urged to notify them that there will be a special service conducted by our Service Pastor, Rev. F. W. Lemons, in the Main Chapel Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. All Service men and women are invited.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In the March 18, 1944, issue of the Evangel, page 9, the address given us for the Brooklyn, New York, church was 541 E. 13th St., two blocks off Flatbush. Instead it is 42 Prospect Place, Brooklyn 17, New York, between 5th and 6th Avenues, just one and one-half blocks off Flatbush Avenue.

We are sorry this has caused considerable confusion and are glad to make correction of same.

The pastor invites all families of Service men in this area to contact him, giving him their address. Also war workers, please note the mailing address.

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